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To provide relief to areas affected by the flooding in the Midwest by temporarily exempting affected States from certain requirements under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 and by temporarily increasing the Federal share of payments under such Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 14 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 7), 1993

Mr. GRASSLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Flood-Affected States
5 Food Stamp Program Assistance Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For purposes of this Act:

1 (1) DESIGNATED.—The term “designated”
2 means—

3 (A) with respect to a State or a political
4 subdivision of a State, that the President de-
5 clared, between April 1, 1993, and August 1,
6 1993, that a major disaster or emergency exists
7 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
8 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121
9 et seq.) in the State or political subdivision as
10 a result of the widespread flooding in the Mid-
11 west in 1993; and

12 (B) with respect to a household, that the
13 household is located in a designated State or
14 political subdivision of a State described in sub-
15 paragraph (A).

16 (2) HOUSEHOLD.—The term “household” has
17 the same meaning as provided in section 3(i) of the
18 Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(i)).

19 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of Agriculture.

21 (4) STATE AGENCY.—The term “State agency”
22 has the same meaning as provided in section 3(n) of
23 the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(n)).

1 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL PAYMENT OF STATE SHARE FOR CERTAIN**
2 **NEWLY PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, for the 2-year period beginning July 1, 1993,
5 the Federal share of the expenses incurred by any des-
6 ignated State under the food stamp program operated
7 pursuant to the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011
8 et seq.) shall be 100 percent of such expenses attributable
9 to any unanticipated newly participating households (as
10 defined in subsection (b)).

11 (b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of subsection (a),
12 the term “unanticipated newly participating households”
13 means households which became eligible for the food
14 stamp program on or after July 1, 1993, and which are
15 in excess of the number of households anticipated by the
16 Secretary to become eligible for such program during the
17 period referred to in subsection (a) based on the rate of
18 increase in eligible households for such program before the
19 widespread flooding in the Midwest in 1993.

20 **SEC. 4. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN INCOME AND RESOURCES.**

21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an
22 amount equal to the amount of, or value of, a donation
23 or temporary financial assistance (including cash and in-
24 kind services) provided by the Federal Government, a
25 State, a political subdivision of a State, or a private person
26 as disaster assistance (including assistance provided pur-

1 suant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
2 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)) to a des-
3 ignated household with respect to the widespread flooding
4 in the Midwest in 1993 shall be excluded from a deter-
5 mination of the income or financial resources of the house-
6 hold pursuant to section 5 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977
7 (7 U.S.C. 2014).

8 **SEC. 5. FULL FEDERAL FUNDING FOR EMPLOYMENT AND**
9 **TRAINING PROGRAM.**

10 Notwithstanding section 16(h) of the Food Stamp
11 Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)) or any other provision
12 of law, for fiscal year 1994, the Federal share of the cost
13 of carrying out an employment and training program in
14 a designated State pursuant to section 6(d)(4) of such Act
15 (7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4)) shall be 100 percent of the cost
16 of carrying out the program.

17 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION OF SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR CER-**
18 **TAIN FOOD STAMP REPORTS.**

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with re-
20 spect to a designated State, each report relating to the
21 State plan of operation that the State agency is required
22 to file with the Secretary under section 11 of the Food
23 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020) not later than August
24 15, 1993, shall not be required to be filed until November
25 15, 1993.

1 **SEC. 7. SUSPENSION OF QUALITY CONTROL REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS.**

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during
4 the period beginning on September 1, 1993, and ending
5 on February 28, 1994, for each designated State—

6 (1) the State agency of the State shall not be
7 required to carry out quality control requirements
8 under section 16 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
9 U.S.C. 2025); and

10 (2) the payment error rate for the State agency
11 of the State under section 16(c) of such Act (7
12 U.S.C. 2025(c)) shall be deemed to be zero.

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